

ASHBY

PLANNING Ashby is one of seven stations for which a 2004 BART Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) will be completed. The CSP will examine new development opportunities, make access improvement recommendations and illustrate recommended station capacity improvements. As part of the Ed Roberts Campus, access plans are being finalized. BART continues to work with the City of Berkeley in examining development opportunities on the west side of the Ashby Station. In 2002, the City Council adopted a resolution to study housing dedicated to teachers, supported by the State Teacher's Union. An economic analysis is being completed for the west lot, including housing, commercial and BART replacement parking. A concurrent architectural analysis is underway.

DEVELOPMENT In October 1999, the BART Board of Directors authorized execution of an option agreement with the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) for approximately one-third of BART's property on the east side of the Ashby BART Station. ERC plans to construct office space for each of their nine-member organizations, as well as common facilities for all members, and an improved entrance to the BART station. The option agreement affords ERC sufficient property control to conduct a fund-raising campaign and to environmentally clear their project. Upon completion of the environmental effort through the City of Berkeley, the BART Board of Directors would be asked to also make a finding under CEQA. ERC recently received Design Review Board approval on their project from the City of Berkeley, completed an updated traffic and parking study and are working with BART on the environmental clearance process. In securing Design Review Board approval, modifications of the project's footprint were necessary. These modifications are expected to require additional BART Board action to redefine the project's footprint.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS Fifty-four new bike racks and four new lockers were installed in 2002, bringing the total number of racks to 147 and the total number of lockers to 36 at this station. This station is slated for new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles by 2004.

As part of the ERC project, Adeline Street will be re-striped with new bus stops, pick-up/drop-off zones, and shuttle, paratransit and taxi areas. Also included are an enhanced crosswalk, bulb-outs, signage and lighting for patron and visitor accessibility.

Through the Art at BART program, staff is working with the Ed Roberts Campus organization to involve the disability community in developing art that will be integrated into the ERC when it is developed.

REINVESTMENT This station was painted in 2003 and is scheduled to have new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed inside the station in 2005. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities.